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No. 540***

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 540

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO THE 18 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ACHIEVING AN "A" ACCREDITATION RATING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, we join the students, parents, teachers and administrators of 18 Mississippi public school districts as they celebrate their recent success in achieving the top score on the A-F accreditation grading scale for the 2017-2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, "Our superintendents have worked diligently to implement higher learning goals in their districts, and the teachers and administrators should be commended for their hard work as evidenced by Mississippi's performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress," State Superintendent of Education Carey Wright said; and

WHEREAS, a list of the 18 Mississippi "A" school districts and their superintendents is as follows:

LOCATION/DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT

Enterprise School District

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Clinton Public School District	Dr. Tim Martin
Rankin County School District	Dr. Sue Townsend
Madison County School District	
Central Office	Kimber Haliburton
North Tippah Consolidated	
School District	Bill Brand
Tishomingo County Special Municipal	
Separate School District	Christie Holly
Booneville School District	Dr. Todd English
Union County School District	Ken Basil
Pontotoc City School District	Dr. Michelle L. Bivens
Petal School District	Dr. Matt Dillion
Lamar County School District	Tess R. Smith
Ocean Springs School District	Dr. Bonita Coleman
Biloxi Public School District	Arthur McMillan
Long Beach School District	Jay Smith
Pass Christian Public School District	Dr. Carla Evers
Lafayette County School District	Dr. Adam Pugh
Oxford School District	Brian Harvey
DeSoto County School District	Cory Uselton; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi School Improvement Program has the responsibility of reviewing and accrediting the public school districts in Mississippi. The process of accrediting school districts is mandated by state law and by State Board of Education regulation. The department reviews each district's accreditation

status and the academic progress rate (APR) supporting data to identify trends and status in performance outcomes. Other considerations include rigorous analysis of key statistics, Comprehensive School Improvement Plans, previous Department Multi-Subject Instructional Period (MSIP) findings, financial status, compliance with regulations and statutes, and superintendent certification. A district's accreditation classification remains intact until the State Board of Education rules otherwise. Parents are always looking for quality instructional programs and educational opportunities that are available throughout these districts; and

WHEREAS, as a state, we continue to make sustained progress. Clearly, the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom in Mississippi is improving, and more importantly, student performance is improving. Although the quality of education in Mississippi is improving, schools and districts across the country are also improving. In this competitive global economy, the administrators, teachers and students at these "A" rated school districts have worked extremely hard to make the significant gains reflected by this state; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we join the education profession in recognizing the excellent academic progress made by A-rated districts which bring honor to their schools, their communities and to the State of Mississippi:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby extend the congratulations of the Mississippi Legislature to the 18 public school districts and school superintendents achieving an "A" accreditation rating for the 2017-2018 school year, and extend our best wishes to these school administrators, teachers, students and parents on the occasion of this achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the superintendents of the A-rated school districts, forwarded to the State Board of Education, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE  
January 28, 2019

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
January 28, 2019

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES